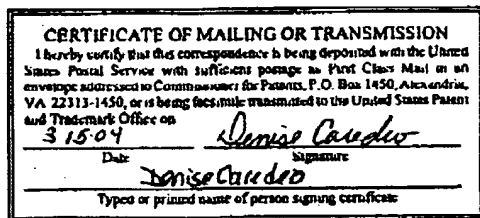


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Steven A. Bogen and Herbert H. Loeffler
Application No.: 09/702,298 Group: 1743
Filed: October 31, 2000 Examiner: Lyle Alexander
Confirmation No.: 3668
For: AUTOMATED SLIDE STAINER WITH SLIDE HOUSING (AMENDED)



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned attorney petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Notice of Appeal in reply to the Office Action made Final dated November 13, 2003 for one month, from February 13, 2004 to March 13, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

Applicants' Attorney is not filing a Notice of Appeal at this time but is filing a Response After Final concurrently herewith.

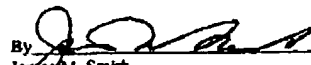
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1 month -	\$ 55	X \$ 110
2 months -	\$ 210	\$ 420
3 months -	\$ 475	\$ 950
4 months -	\$ 740	\$1,480
5 months -	\$1,005	\$2,010

[] A check is enclosed in the amount of the extension fee indicated above, or the extension fee has been included in the check with the accompanying Reply.

[X] Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension fee.

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